



Online posts land cop in hot water

Officer cited for racial, religious remarks, encouraging violence against protesters

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Chicago's police oversight agency has cited a veteran officer for more than 60 rule violations, blasting him for repeatedly posting insensitive racial and religious comments on

Facebook and promoting violence against police protesters, Muslims and others. In addition to the Facebook posts, Officer Brian J. Hansen allegedly parked his Chevrolet Equinox outside the Central District police station with a bumper sticker on the back wind-

shield showing a truck running over fleeing protesters beside the words: "All lives splatter. Nobody cares about your protest?" In a 95-page report obtained by the Chicago Tribune through an open-records request, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability used unusually strong language to condemn Hansen's actions, leaving little doubt that it

avored his firing even though it publicly declined to give its position. In its conclusion, COPA made clear that it had no faith in Hansen carrying out "fair and impartial" law enforcement to everyone in Chicago, regardless of their ethnic and sociological backgrounds. "There can be no doubt, based on PO Hansen's Facebook activity and vehicle

decals, that PO Hansen cannot live out this mission," the investigators wrote. Neither Hansen nor the lawyer representing him in the COPA proceedings returned telephone calls. But COPA said in interviews with investigators that Hansen tried to laugh off his postings as an indication of his sense of humor and insisted his off-duty comments were protected by

the First Amendment. In a footnote in its report, however, COPA said courts have held that officers can be fired for bigoted speech without violating the First Amendment. Hansen, a 25-year department veteran, has been stripped of his police powers and assigned to paid desk duty since August, Turn to **Facebook, Page 7**



Zimbabweans celebrate Tuesday outside parliament in Harare after hearing President Robert Mugabe had resigned.

Under the gun, Mugabe resigns

Zimbabwe leader who ruled for 37 years steps down as military, citizens rise up

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HARARE, Zimbabwe — Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe, who once vowed to rule for life, resigned Tuesday, succumbing to a week of overwhelming pressure from the military that put him under house arrest, lawmakers from the ruling party and the opposition

who started impeachment proceedings and a population that surged into the streets to say that 37 years in power was enough. The capital, Harare, erupted in jubilation after news spread that the 93-year-old leader's resignation letter had been read out by the speaker of parliament, whose members had gathered to impeach Mugabe after he ignored escalating calls to quit since a military takeover.



Robert Mugabe said his decision was voluntary.

Well into the night, cars honked and people danced and sang in a spectacle of free expression that would have been impossible dur-

ing his years in power, whose early promise after the end of white minority rule in 1980 was overtaken by economic collapse, government dysfunction and human rights violations. "Welcome to the new Zimbabwe!" people chanted outside the conference center where the lawmakers had met. "This is the best day of my life," one man declared as euphoric citizens celebrated on top of cars, clustered around a tank and shook hands with soldiers who

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Trump backs Moore even as some back off

He comes out in support of Ala. Senate candidate accused of sex misconduct

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump backed Roy Moore on Tuesday, breaking with national Republican leaders and reaffirming his support nearly two weeks after the Alabama Senate candidate was accused of sexual advances against teenage girls years ago. "He totally denies it. He says it didn't happen," Trump told reporters as he left the White House to spend Thanksgiving at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida. "I do have to say: 40 years is a long time." The president's statements of doubt about

Moore's accusers, and a suggestion he might campaign for Moore, came days after many party leaders had broken with the nominee. The Republican National Committee withdrew its support last week, following Senate Republicans' campaign committee, and both Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan have called on Moore to step aside. "I believe the women, yes," McConnell told reporters in Kentucky more than a week ago. He said Moore is "obviously not fit to be in the Senate," suggesting that Senate Republicans could refuse to seat

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Immigrant living in church sues

Francisca Lino, a mother of six who resisted a court order to leave the country in August and instead took sanctuary in a Chicago church, has filed a federal lawsuit in a final effort to avoid deportation. **Chicagoland, Page 4**

'70s TV, pop star David Cassidy dies

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Partisan politics carves into turkey time

Study shows many made early exit at 2016 gatherings

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Dreading the heaping helping of partisan political bickering likely to be served up at your family's Thanksgiving dinner?

If so, here's one thing to be thankful for: A contentious feast probably won't last as long. A recently completed study on the effects of partisanship on family ties showed that Thanksgiving dinner 2016 ended, on average, 20 to 30 minutes earlier than the previous year among mixed-party gatherings.

"Heightened political partisanship is cutting Thanksgiving dinner short," said Ryne Rohla, co-author of the study and a doctoral degree candidate in economics at Washington State University. Last November, weeks after what may have been the most divisive presidential election in recent history, America sat down

for its first Thanksgiving dinner in the uncharted political era of President Donald Trump. The charged political environment carved off about 27 million hours of normal Thanksgiving conversation due to early exits and no-shows, the study found. Republicans were

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